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Johann Rush - Oswald's literature distribution.

Having heard nothing from Paul, who I had asked to try and see Johann yesterday, I phoned him today. He did speak to J yesterday, but they cannot get together until today. I had Paul tape a backgrounding and list of the questions because Hal will not be able to be with him and Paul is a scholar (and an excellent one), not an experienced questioner.

The appointment was for 3 p.m. San Francisco time. J is friendly but a little leery because Turner had been there and apparently had asked none of the right questions. He wonders why another questioning.

Unless there is something sensational I will not phone you specially about the results. Paul will phone me tonight or vice versa. Prior to receipt of his memo and, if possible, tape, I will be able to let you know what he learned.

This also gave me the opportunity to get his appraisal of the Ampolsky report. He agrees it seems to indicate a pre-Canal conversation with Oswald, a literature distribution of which we had no earlier knowledge (between the carrier and the arrest). I urge you to locate him. Then we can interview him together when I am there.

We have now located the Secret Service report with which pictures were transmitted to Washington, I will have a copy for you. After I get a response to my general inquiry at the Archives, I will follow with this specific one. There has, as yet, been no response to my inquiry, of which you have a copy. Thus far it is only the mornal slowdown. It seems to work out this way: I keep the pressure on them, alleging they needlessly delay, and they improve the service to my associates, in an effort to establish a contrary record.